

## **HEARING AID ASSISTANCE TO THE AGED AND DISABLED**

### **30:4D-36 Establishment of Program**

There is established in the Department of Human Services a program which shall be known as "Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled."

### **30:4D-37 Payment to offset cost of hearing aid for eligible persons**

A person eligible for the Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled Program is entitled to receive a payment of up to \$100.00 in a calendar year in which a hearing aid is purchased to offset the cost of the hearing aid. For the purposes of this act, "hearing aid" means an ear-level or body-worn electroacoustic instrument for amplifying sound whose basic components are a microphone, amplifier and receiver.

### **30:4D-38 Eligibility Requirements**

A person who meets the age or disability, income and residency requirements of the "Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled" program, P.L.1975, c. 194 (C. 30:4D-20 et seq.), is eligible for hearing aid assistance pursuant to this act if he is not otherwise qualified for Medicaid pursuant to P.L.1968, c. 413 (C. 30:4D-1 et seq.).

### **30:4D-39 Persons whose costs are covered in whole or part by other programs or insurance; eligibility**

- a. If an otherwise eligible person's hearing aid costs are covered in whole by any other State or federal government program or insurance contract, the person is not eligible for hearing aid assistance under this act.
- b. If an eligible person's hearing aid costs are covered in part by any other State or federal government program or insurance contract, the person may be entitled to receive a reduced hearing aid assistance under this act.

### **30:4D-40 System for issuing payments and determining eligibility**

The Commissioner of Human Services shall by regulation establish a system for issuing payments to eligible persons and a system for determining eligibility which includes provisions for submitting proof of an applicant's actual and anticipated annual income, evidence of complete or partial coverage of hearing aid costs by any other government program or insurance contract and actual hearing aid costs incurred during the year.

### **30:4D-41 Rules and Regulations**

The Commissioner of Human Services shall, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c. 410 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.) adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

**30:4D-42      Funding**

The Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled Program shall be funded by the Casino Revenue Fund created pursuant to section 145 of P.L.1977, c. 110 (C. 5:12-145).